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Mayor says funding approved for boat ramp repairs in Elba

During the Elba City Council meeting Monday night, Sept. 22, Mayor Tom Maddox announced he had received word that a grant had been approved to lead the way for restoring the Pea River boat ramp in Elba.

Grant funds have been awarded to the Choc-tawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority that Maddox said will go towards fixing the boat ramp.

"We started probably over two years ago trying to get the boat ramp fixed, and I think we are going to get it done," Maddox said.

He said he had spoken with Lisa Harris, executive director for the watershed management authority, and she said he could announce the funding approval.

Maddox said \$80,000 had been approved for design and engineering. He said Southern Engineering Solutions of Andalusia would be the engineering firm handling the project.

Also, \$600,000 had been approved for the construction of the boat ramp.

The mayor said it should not be too much longer be-

fore the work begins, but officials said it would be a 9-month construction time to complete the work.

"We are really happy to see this process work out," Maddox said. "I know this was one of the goals I had to get the boat ramp fixed."

Also, during Monday night's meeting, the council approved an alcohol license for the Dollar General store, located on the Troy Highway in Elba.

An ordinance was approved (see the legal section for the full ordinance) to extend the temporary suspension of the "Special Event Ordinance" for the city until March 1, 2026. City officials are researching ways to make changes to that ordinance so it will function better for all.

The council approved renewing the SARCOA contract for another year regarding operations of the senior center. The new contract is the same as the previous one with no changes, according to Mayor Maddox.

The council also voted to continue daily operations using the current budget until a new one can be approved.



Elba Mayor Tom Maddox is shown speaking to those gathered last Friday morning, Sept. 19, at the Ben Ringsdorf Monument for a ceremony held commemorating National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Elba recognizes National POW/MIA Day with ceremony

The City of Elba commemorated National POW/MIA Recognition Day last Friday, Sept. 19, as Mayor Tom Maddox placed a wreath at the foot of the Ben Ringsdorf Monument.

"We gather here this morning at the Ben Ringsdorf Monument for National POW/MIA Recognition Day, which is held the third Friday of September each year," Maddox said. "This day honors those who were prisoners of

war and those who are still missing in action."

The late Dr. Ben Ringsdorf, a native of Elba, was a Captain in the U.S. Air Force when he was taken as a Prisoner of War during the Vietnam Conflict in November, 1966 when his aircraft was shot down. Ringsdorf spent six years in captivity as a Prisoner of War in North Vietnam before being released to return home in February 1973.

Dr. Ringsdorf resided in Alabama until his death in February 1998.

"In placing this wreath here today at the Ben Ringsdorf Monument, we honor not only Dr. Ringsdorf, but all POW's and those still Missing in Action," the mayor said.

Last Friday night, the wreath was moved to Tiger Stadium on the Elba City Schools campus where the school held its Military Appreciation night.



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Donny Powell
Superintendent

Date: September 22, 2025

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Tiger Fans,

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We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us keep our events safe and enjoyable for everyone. Thank you for continuing to show your Tiger Pride in the stands and for being an important part of our school community.

Sincerely,

Donny Powell
Superintendent
Elba City Schools

Elba Chamber to honor longstanding businesses at banquet

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will celebrate its 70th Anniversary in 2026.

As part of this milestone, the Chamber will recognize local businesses that have been serving the Elba community for 70 years or longer. These businesses will be honored during the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet on Thursday, Oct. 23, at the National Security Conference Center.

"This anniversary is not only a celebration of the Chamber, but also a recognition of the businesses that have stood the test of time and contributed so much to the strength and character of our community," said Sandy Williams, President of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

Businesses that have been in continuous operation since 1956 or earlier are

invited to contact the Chamber office to ensure they are included in this recognition.

Elba High School Alumni Association planning meeting

The Elba High School Alumni Association will hold a homecoming breakfast/meeting Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Elba Country Club beginning at 8 am. Breakfast will be a dutch treat meal. You do not have to eat to attend the meeting and catch up with other alumni.

Come hear updates on

things your Elba High School Alumni Association has been able to do over the years to help Elba City Schools. We've had some fun projects this past year! Your \$20 per year membership fee helps enable the association to complete projects to help the schools and provide scholarships annually to

Elba High School seniors! This year, the association is pushing its membership drive to be sure to have as many alumni or friends of alumni signed up to be a part of this organization! "We can't do what we do without our members, so, please consider joining or renewing your membership today," said EHS Alumni Association president Linda Hodge.

Checks can be sent to the Elba High School Alumni Association at PO Box 182, Elba AL 36323; or pay on the morning of the Homecoming Breakfast.

Also, there will be a table set up prior to the start of the homecoming football game on Oct. 3rd by the gates for those who wish to pay that night.

"I sure hope you will join us for the breakfast Saturday morning, Oct. 4, at the country Elba Country Club," Hodge said. "It should be a fun time!"

Personnel matters approved at recent Coffee County BOE meeting

During the Thursday, Sept. 4, Coffee County Board of Education meeting several personnel matters were approved by the board.

A resignation from Morgan Norsworthy, gifted teacher at Zion Chapel, was accepted. This is effective Sept. 30th.

Katherine E. Lord and Amber Carnley were approved for employment via a TEAMS contract. Lord teaches at New Brockton High while Carnley teaches at New Brockton Middle School.

Jessica Lee, counselor at Zion Chapel Elementary, was approved for paid parental leave beginning Oct. 14, and continuing through Dec. 17th.

Kristi Donaldson, teacher at Kinston School, was approved for paid parental leave beginning Sept. 29th and continuing through Dec. 1st.

Area Happenings

There will be a LEPC meeting for Coffee County on Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 10-11:30 am., at the County Complex, 1065 E McKinnon St., New Brockton, Ala. The meeting will be in the commission chamber. There will be a guest speaker from Ben E. Keith to talk about the company's safety procedures for Anhydrous Ammonia. Following the guest speaker will be an update on emergency procedures for an Anhydrous Ammonia leak and emergency procedures for Coffee County.

The Fourth Annual Wheels on the Square Car Show, hosted by the Elba Masonic Lodge #170, will be Saturday, Oct. 11th. Registration is from 8-10 p.m. and judging begins at 11 a.m. Trophy presentations will be at 1:30 p.m. There also will be food trucks, door prizes and a blood drive that day. For more information, call (334) 470-0280.



The New Brockton National Sr Beta Club recently received the National Beta School of Distinction Award. Such award is an honor for Beta clubs striving to maintain and exemplify the 'Four Pillars' of the National Sr Beta: Academic Achievement, Character, Leadership, Service. The New Brockton High School Sr Beta Club is among the 22% of Beta Clubs from across the nation to earn this award. Further, New Brockton Sr Beta Club led the school in a city-wide community service project last year by partnering up with St Jude Research Project. On May 17, Sr Beta member Anna Hugh, her family, student volunteers, local vendors and the city of New Brockton stood alongside Linda Boykin, club sponsor, to raise over \$2,000 for St Jude Research Project. The fundraiser was done in honor of Anna's teenage cousin who had brain cancer. Over the Summer, Anna's cousin RANG the bell! Boykin said, "We would like to believe Anna's cousin gained hope to fight to live by our act of kindness and service shown to her by New Brockton's Sr Beta club, our school staff, students and community." Boykin (left) and two of her students are shown above speaking during the recent Town of New Brockton work session about these achievements.

EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Sunday, Sept. 14, through Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Sunday, Sept. 14 – Suspicious person reported at Martin Luther King Dr/ Dunham Ave N (12:55 a.m.); Altered mental status reported at Jones Cir (10:46 a.m.); suspicious vehicle reported at Hwy 87/County Rd 342 (11:04 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 300 Champ McCollough Dr (1:03 p.m.); Fall Victim 987 Drayton Ave (1:47 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at Williams Ave/Guyton St (3:33 p.m.); domestic reported at 1035 Morrow St (5:15 p.m.); Altered Mental Status Hickman Ave (6:28 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, one written warning and two citations.

Monday, Sept. 15 – Suspicious person reported at 429 Claxton Ave N (12:15 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1311 Reese Ave (8:26 a.m.); Cardiac arrest reported at 192 Larkin Rd (8:46 a.m.); Animal bites reported at

706 Newton St (11:59 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 702 Newton St (2:52 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 726 Williams Ave S (4:30 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 839 Troy Hwy (10:20 p.m.); Domestic reported at 429 Plant Ave (11:15 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning and two citations.

Tuesday, Sept. 16 – Suspicious person reported at 213 Taylor Ave (2:01 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1019 Sunset Blvd (11:47 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 720 Reese Ave (12:16 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 715 Reese Ave (1:22 p.m.); Fall victim reported at 8870 Hwy 141 (7:56 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 213 Taylor Ave (8:03 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, one written warning, five citations and one arrest.

Wednesday, Sept. 17 – Burglary in progress reported at 126 Adkinson Ave – w/arrest (2:42 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (6:04 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1620 Boswell

St (7:20 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (12:28 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 716 Davis St W (3:47 p.m.); Assault reported at 628 Claxton Ave N (6:44 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 603 Kendrick St (11:42 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning and four written warnings.

Thursday, Sept. 18 – Verbal altercation reported at 1005 Farris Ave (11:20 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1143 Oak Ave (1:25 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 850 Cedar Lane Dr (3:54 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in four verbal warnings.

Friday, Sept. 19 – Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (12:50 a.m.); Reckless driver reported at Hwy 87 (2:33 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 429 Plant Ave (2:56 p.m.); Harassment reported at 14268 Hwy 87 (8:55 p.m.); Assault reported at 640 Reynolds reported at (9:50 p.m.); Fight reported at 371 Tiger Dr (9:56 p.m.); Domestic reported at 656 Reynolds

Ave (10:50 p.m.); Assault reported at 640 Reynolds Ave (11:59 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, one written warning and one arrest.

Saturday, Sept. 20 – Damaged property reported at Factory Ave/Davis St W (12:06 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 894 Cedar Lane Dr (8:00 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1200 Ann St (11:19 a.m.); Harassment reported at 1084 Sunset Blvd (1:32 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Sunday, Sept. 21 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 1477 Country Club Way (1:06 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1019 Claxton Ave N (5:25 a.m.); Fight reported at 927 Carver Dr (9:19 a.m.); Motor vehicle accident reported at County Rd/Hwy 87 (11:12 a.m.); Missing person reported at 516 Williams Ave (12:32 p.m.); Drug activity reported at 1501 Martin Luther King Dr (7:02 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning and one no action taken.

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Publisher

Last Friday was an emotionally draining day, especially for Elba's young people as they learned of and mourned the death of 18-year-old Emanuell Cooks. He was a member of the Elba High School Class of 2025, and died from medical complications for his college team's football game in Mississippi last Thursday night. Emanuell was a great young man that always seemed to have a smile on his face. His death is one that hit the community hard. His mother was a classmate of ours - Elba High School Class of 1994 - and we cannot imagine the pain she and her family are experiencing. We continue to pray for all that knew and loved Emanuell, and we ask that you do the same.

We are certain the emotions of last Friday only fueled the scene that unfolded after the Elba vs. Brantley football game last Friday night, which included a verbal altercation between some adults on the football field. We, personally, were still in the stadium and witnessed the incident. It led to Elba City Schools releasing a letter this week indicating that fans/parents would no longer be allowed on the field after games. We saw that action coming a mile away after last Friday night, but at the same time, we are left wondering and hoping school officials reprimanded those two or three people actually at fault. From where we stood, those adults let their own emotions get the best of them Friday night, and they all should be reprimanded for their participation. Otherwise, we are left asking why punish all the other innocent fans/parents for the actions of a few. Now, we aren't arguing with the administration's decision to stop folks from going on the field after the games...clearly, that is a good rule if folks can't control themselves. We just hope the ones actually involved in the incident got their due too. When the kids have a calmer head on their shoulders than the adults...there is a problem that needs addressing. We'll leave it there and trust the school officials handled it properly.

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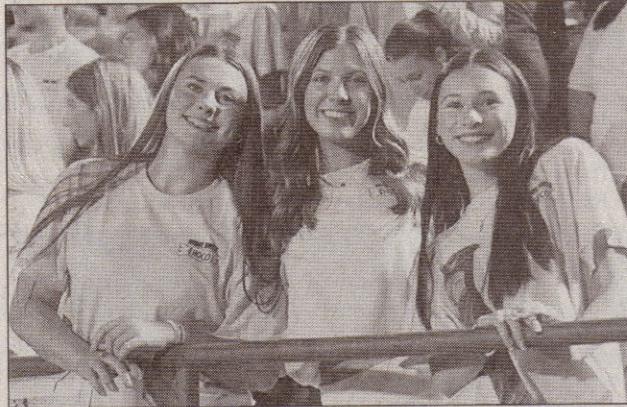
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FUTURE TIGER KICKER! Rawlinn Hudson is shown here practicing his football kicking skills during halftime of a recent Elba Junior Varsity football game. Rawlinn's mom, Ashlynn, is the cheer sponsor for the Elba JV cheerleaders.



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Obituaries

CONRAD R. MATHEWS
Mr. Conrad R. Mathews, age 70, of New Brockton, Ala., died in an Enterprise hospital. No formal services will be held at this time. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the family.

EDWARD 'DENNIS' SMITH
Mr. Edward "Dennis" Smith, age 72, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, at UAB Hospital in Birmingham, Ala.

He was born July 12, 1953, and lived a life marked by determination, talent, and a deep love for family, friends, and the game of football.

Dennis attended Elba High School from 1968-1971, where he quickly made a name for himself as a standout athlete. Dennis was honored as an All-South Alabama Conference player during both his junior and senior seasons.

In 1971, during his senior year, he led the South Alabama Conference in rushing yards-finishing with 855 yards and an impressive 10.2 yards-per-carry average in the regular season. He also led the conference in scoring. In addition to football, he excelled on the track and baseball teams, embodying the spirit of a true multi-sport athlete.

After high school, Dennis continued his football journey at Clemson University from 1971-1976. He began as a wide receiver on the freshman team before being moved to the defensive secondary his sophomore year. Although redshirted due to a shoulder injury, Dennis came back stronger and, by his junior year, was thrust into a starting role. In just nine games that season, Dennis led the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) with six interceptions.

In 1974, Dennis was recognized as Defensive Player of the Week for his outstanding performances against Georgia Tech and North Carolina.

After graduating from Clemson, Dennis returned home to south Alabama and began a career in recreation and public service. He served Opp in that role until 1980.

Dennis then accepted a position as Recreational Director for the City of Elba,

where he played an instrumental role in helping the city secure a grant for the construction of Hawkins-Williams Park. During his time as director, Dennis coached numerous youth sports and, from 1980-1981, also volunteered as a coach for the Elba High School junior varsity football team alongside Mike Carnley.

He remained with the City of Elba until the early 1990s. Afterward, Dennis turned his lifelong passion for farming into a full-time pursuit.

In 2019, he was inducted into the Wiregrass Sports Hall of Fame.

Dennis will be remembered not only for his athletic accomplishments but also loyalty to those around him. He enjoyed being a father but found a greater love in being a grandfather. As a friend, Dennis was loyal, dependable, and always willing to lend a hand. Whether sharing stories from his playing days, helping neighbors with a project, or simply enjoying a laugh, he loved fellowship with others. Dennis's legacy lives on in the friends he cherished, the family he loved, and the community he supported. His life was a testament to hard work, perseverance, and generosity of spirit.

Dennis was laid to rest at Whitewater Baptist Church Cemetery following a private committal service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Elba High School Athletics and Future Farmers of America Programs in Dennis' memory.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Audrey Wicker Smith, and daughters, Meredith and Elizabeth Smith.

Survivors include his father, Arthur D. Smith, Elba; his wife, Jan Y. Smith, Elba; daughters, DeAnn S. Grantham (Neil), Elba, and Alison S. Bradley (Zach), Troy, Ala.; grandchildren, Parrish, Asher, and Olivia; brother, Dean Smith (Pam), Elba; and nieces and nephews.

EVA SMITH CULVERHOUSE

Ms. Eva Smith Culverhouse, age 90, died peacefully Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025, surrounded by her family.

A devoted mother,

grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, Eva led a life marked by kindness and a quiet elegance.

Born to Dora and William Smith in a small south Alabama community on April 18, 1935, Eva established her career and friendships in Birmingham, providing a loving home for her two children. Throughout their lives, she was a source of unconditional love and wise counsel.

Eva found joy in life's small pleasures, tending to the flowers in her garden and watching the birds, but her greatest joy in life was her family. She never missed an opportunity to celebrate their achievements, to comfort them in challenging times, or simply to listen with an open heart.

A graveside service was held Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, Ala. with Rev. Howard Moore officiating. The family requested memorials be made to a charity that is meaningful to you.

Eva was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her children, Judy Culverhouse (Barclay) and Lann Moore (Vair); grandchildren, Clay Church (Michelle) and Courtney Dell (Hal); and four great-grandchildren, Corey Church, EvaClaire Church, Caroline Dell, and Henry Dell.

EMANUELL J COOKS

Mr. Emanuell J Cooks, age 18, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025.

Emanuell was a student-athlete (football player) with Mississippi Delta Community College of Moorhead, Miss., at the time of his death. He passed away due to medical complications following the football game last Thursday night against Hinds Community College in Raymond, Miss.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Friday, Sept. 26, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. Visitation will be at 12 noon.

Coleman Funeral Home of Elba is assisting the Cooks family with funeral arrangements.

VERLIN LOUISE WHITFIELD

Mrs. Verlin Louise Whitfield, age 78, of Elba, Ala., died peacefully Friday, Sept. 19, 2025, at her home.

She was born Sept. 13, 1947 in Wimbledon, North Carolina to the late Zomalar Adell Daniels and Johnny Samuel Daniels.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, beginning at 2 p.m., at Elba First Assembly of God with Supt. LoEarl Flowers officiating. Coleman Funeral Home is serving the family.

Mrs. Whitfield was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse Adam Whitfield.

Survivors include her nine children, Brenda Robertson, Mark Whitfield (Tabitha), Jesse Whitfield Jr. (Shelia), Renethia Singletary (Anthony), Timothy Whitfield (Judith), Nicholas Whitfield (Angel), Jacqueline Thomas, April Sistrunk (Jerry), and Velma Whitfield (John); 21 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.



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Grieving Alone: How to Help Someone Who's Mourning in Isolation

During the grieving process, it's only natural to seek some solitude. You may have moments or even days when you'd rather be alone with your reflections. That's fine and healthy, but of course, it's unhealthy to remain in isolation for too long. Ultimately, we all need to seek the support of others to help us endure the weight of grieving.

The question is, what can you do to help a friend or loved one who has completely withdrawn, choosing to grieve totally in isolation?

The best thing you can do is simply be present. The rule of thumb is, if your friendship was important before the death, it's not suddenly going to become a burden afterward. By all means, give your friend or loved one some privacy, but also make sure you're checking in regularly. Text, call, send notes, and be ready to show up with a hug or a shoulder to cry on as needed.

Something else you can do is be ready to listen. You don't have to know the right words, and in fact, it can often be best not to say anything at all beyond stressing your love, support, and friendship. Just lend an ear to your grieving friend or loved one and avoid cliches like "I know how you feel."

You might also look for opportunities where you can be helpful. As you call and text, ask if you can pick up the dry cleaning, bring a meal, or come help with the dishes.

It's important to give your grieving friend or loved one some space and not to be too pushy. At the same time, it's critical to stay in touch, monitor the situation, and not let them slip too deep into isolation.

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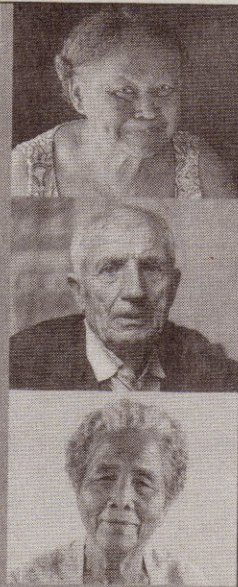
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Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church plans Homecoming service

Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church, located at 3698 County Road 228, Elba, Ala., will hold homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 5.

Special music will begin at 10 a.m., and services will begin at 11. Bro. Richard Collier will provide the message, followed by dinner on the grounds.

Please join the church members for worship and fellowship.

What does the Bible say about... Preaching?

Article written by Douglas Williams



"For after that, in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (1 Corinthians 1:21).

Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Paul told Timothy to "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:2).

In Romans 10:14, the question is asked, "How shall they hear without a preacher?"

Preaching is the public proclamation of the gospel. God's good news of salvation is provided through Jesus Christ. Preaching is the act of proclaiming the gospel by delivering a sermon that encourages people to obey God.

It is natural to think of Jesus and others in the New Testament who were preachers, but the Old Testament tells of the preaching of Noah, Jonah, David, Solomon, as well as all the prophets who were preachers.

John the Baptist was a preacher who came to prepare the way for Christ. Christ sent His disciples, telling them, "And as ye go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 10:7).

More could be written about the importance of preaching as the Bible teaches, but this will suffice to show us our responsibility.

At the Cottage Church of Christ in Camden, Ala., we preach the gospel every week. Jesus said, "That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations (Luke 24:47). In our worship, God's word is to be taught, along with singing, praying, the Lord's supper, and giving (Acts 2:42).

*** Douglas Williams is a Church of Christ minister and former resident of Elba, Ala. He and his wife, Glenda, currently reside in Montgomery, Ala.*

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SCRIPTURE: PROVERBS 9:1-12

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Mavis E. Kelley, Vincent Smith, Wendy Wood, Maria K Duncan, A'miya A. Hutchinson, Josh A. Kelley, Faye Manning, Philip Musgrove

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Edwina H. Williams 9/9
Rev. Arthur Gilford 9/10
Jahari Tyhiem Jones 9/10
Brandy Caldwell 9/10
Novella Robinson 9/11
A'miya Alexis Hutchinson 9/12
Verlin Whitfield 9/13 (In Memory)
Jarrel K. Smedley
Shambria Samuel 9/15

****Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church presents Restoration Revival**
Sunday Sept. 28, at 6 p.m.
Pastor Willie White, Johns Chapel AME Church Enterprise, Alabama
Monday Sept. 29 at 7 p.m.
Pastor: DaQuarius Green
Elba Zion Baptist Church Elba, Alabama
Tuesday Sept. 30 at 7 p.m.
Pastor Markus Caldwell
Shady Grove Baptist Church Daleville, Alabama

**** INVITATION TO A CELEBRATION/BENEFIT FOR Moderator W.L. and Sister Ollie Peterson**
Saturday, Sept. 27, @ 4PM
Mulberry District Association Building
2585 Old Curtis Road-Highway 84 West, Elba,

SINS OF OMISSION?

Thomas Rossi claimed that he had been a faithful husband for twenty-five years, so it came as no small shock when out of the blue "his wife told him that she wanted a divorce. It was not until three years later that Rossi learned the reason for his wife's sudden request, three weeks for Denise Rossi filed for the divorce, she had won \$1.3 million in the California state Lottery.

She wanted to divorce Mr. Rossi to keep him from finding out about her winnings and to avoid having to share the money with him. Eventually the truth caught up with Mrs. Rossi, and the matter was taken to court. The judge found her guilty of violating state asset disclosure laws and gave all the money to her ex-husband! It could be argued that Mrs. Rossi was guilty of a sin of omission a failure to tell her husband about her money or to share it with him. However, like many (perhaps most) sins of omission, her failure was really a sin of commission – a willful decision to commit an act that she knew was wrong. That is the reason Jesus condemnation is so strong against those who "did it not to one of the least of these". A failure to do a good act is all too often a willful decision not to act. C.R.B

QUESTION/ANSWER SESSION

Q/A for the week of 9/18/2025

Answer the Questions
Q) Who was the only one worthy to open the book and loose the seals?

A) Jesus, The Lion of Judah – Revelation 5:2,5

Q) What do the "golden vials full of odors" represent?

A) The prayers of saints – Revelation 5:8

Q) What negative experiences were part of the Thessalonians' Lives?

A) Persecutions and tribulations – 2 Thessalonians 1:4

Questions for the week of 9/25/2025

True or False

Q) God, the father said to the son, "Thy throne, O God is forever and ever."

Q) Because Jesus was God's son, he never experienced being tempted.

Q) All scripture is given by inspiration of God.

Today is a good day! Be grateful

Eria's daughter, Sue

Public Announcement from the Evergreen Cemetery Board:

Our city cemeteries hold a special place in many of our hearts. These sacred grounds are home to Elba's founding fathers and a final resting place to many we hold dear.

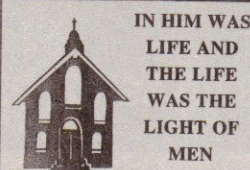
We are asking for the relatives of these loved ones to help us in maintaining Evergreen Cemetery and Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. We are asking at this time, all non-permitted items be removed prior to October 1, 2025 or be subject to disposal by our maintenance crew. Permanent headstones and flower receptacles made of like material are currently the only permissible items per deed restrictions.

Non-conforming items included currently in the deeds are described as follows: No obstructions other than coping may be placed or erected at or around the margins of the above described lots lying East of Highway 189. Living plants are also prohibited. Artificial flowers must be utilized in conjunction with a permanently affixed vase or similar piece designed to secure said arrangements. Glass wear, memorial canvases, shepherd hooks, figurines, and other trinkets deemed breakable, or in any way affect the ability to maintain the site, are prohibited.

These restrictions run with the land and are necessary when using machinery for caretaker activities. For questions regarding items deemed allowable, please contact our sexton at 334-389-4458.

Sincerely,
Evergreen Cemetery Board

Church Directory



IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Renonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Fellowship... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal"... 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Bookout, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Billy James, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA METHODIST CHURCH
Nathan Elliott, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adecock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Service... 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Edgar C. Peter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
Glenwood, AL
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Danny Branch, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Chad Fuller, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Heath Fountain, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Tom & Barbara Davis, Interim Pastors
Sunday School... 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Time... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.
Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Hubert McWaters, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS COGIC
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Allen Dieas, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.



NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH

Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorearl Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School... 11:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

PRAISE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Kerry Saxon, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Leon Fortune, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service... 5:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 12 noon
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.
Fri. Missionary Ser... 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
James Preachers, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RUSSELL EDWIN HOLLINHEAD, DECEASED
CASE NO. PR-2025-108

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Clayton E. Hollinhead, Personal Representative, on the 3rd day of September, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Hon. Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge Coffee County, Alabama 9/11, 18 & 25-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JIMMY PERCY BOYKINS, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR-2025-181

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Alison Frazier as Administrator of the Estate of Jimmy Percy Boykins, deceased, on the 3rd day of September 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Judge of Probate 9/11, 18 & 25-pd

IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GLADYS JANE MERRIHEW, Deceased
CASE NO: PR-2025-173

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters of Administration on the Estate of GLADYS JANE MERRIHEW, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of September, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred. /s/ Gerry N. Merrihew Gerry N. Merrihew Administrator of said Estate 9/11, 18 & 25-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CYNTHIA DEE LONG, DECEASED
CASE NO. PC-2025-066

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Karen Henley, Personal Representative, on the 2nd day of September, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within

time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Hon. Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge Coffee County, Alabama 9/11, 18, 25-pd.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Notice is hereby given that L&K Contracting Co., Inc., 2187 Hartford Hwy, Taylor, AL 36305 has completed all work on the SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR GRIFFIN AND HENDRIX AVE; CWSRF PROJECT NO. CS010936-01 in the Geneva Water Works and Sewer Board; Geneva County, Alabama. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named contractor and the Manager of the Geneva Water Works and Sewer Board. 9/11, 18 & 25-pd.

IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of George Adams, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PR-2025-180

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to J. E. Sawyer, Jr., Personal Representative, on the 27th day of August, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this the 27th day of August, 2025. /s/ Jodee Thompson Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge 9/11, 18 & 25-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of Donna Roland aka Donna Jean Roland, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-172

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Donna Roland aka Donna Jean Roland, deceased, having been granted to Joseph B. Roland, Personal Representative, on the 9th day of September, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Done this the 9th day September, 2025. /s/Jodee R. Thompson Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge 9/18, 25 & 10/2-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of Era Juanita Reynolds, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-171

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration *cum testamento annexo*, of said deceased having been granted to Vickie Deneen Reynolds, Administrator *cum testament annexo*, on the 9th day of September, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons

having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Done this the 9th day of September, 2025. /s/Jodee R. Thompson Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge 9/18, 25 & 10/2-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of JIMMY ROGER HUNDLEY, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-183

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary having been granted to Joey Roger Hundley as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jimmy Roger Hundley on the 9th day of September, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Done this the 9th day of September, 2025. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge 9/18, 25 & 10/2-pd

Elba City Schools NOTICE OF SALE OF SURPLUS SCHOOL PROPERTY BY SEALED BID

Notice is hereby given that the Elba City Board of Education will offer for sale, by sealed bid, certain real property owned by the Board and declared surplus.

Property Description:

5 acre lot on Adams Avenue - Coffee County Revenue Commission Parcel # 19 11 03 07 1 003 001.000 and parcel of land on Reynolds Avenue - Coffee County Revenue Commission Parcel # 19 11 03 07 1 001 030.000 (Properties listed are located in the Mulberry Heights Subdivision of Elba, Alabama and commonly known as Mulberry Park)

Minimum Bid: \$10,000.00 Bid Submission:

- All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "SEALED BID - SURPLUS PROPERTY".

- Bids must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at the Elba City Board of Education Central Office, 131 Tiger Drive, Elba, Alabama 36323.

- Late bids will not be accepted.

Bid Opening:

Sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Elba City Board of Education Central Office, 131 Tiger Drive, Elba, Alabama 36323, on Friday, October 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Terms of Sale:

- "Buyer Beware" The property will be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS," without warranty of any kind.

- The successful bidder will be responsible for all closing costs, title insurance, and recording fees.

- An earnest money deposit (5% of bid amount, cashier's check) must accompany the bid. The deposit will be applied to the purchase price for the successful bidder, or returned to unsuccessful bidders.

- The Elba City Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason.

Contact Information:

Bid instructions and property information may be obtained at: Elba City Board of Education

131 Tiger Drive Elba, Alabama 36323 Phone: 334-897-3000 9/18, 25 & 10/2-chg.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by the terms of that certain Construction Mortgage executed by RJ RESTORATION, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company, to 2LO, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company, dated February 3, 2022, and recorded on February 3, 2022, in Official Records Book 976, at Page 139, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama; and said default continuing; and the undersigned holder of said mortgage having declared the entire indebtedness due and payable in accordance with the terms and conditions of said mortgage, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, 2LO, LLC, will, under the terms of said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder in front of the Courthouse door of Coffee County, Alabama, in Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on Thursday, October 16, 2025, the following described property: A lot or parcel of land lying on the north side of West Lee Street in the City of Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama, and being a part of the NW1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 20, T4N, R22E; and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the point where the north boundary line of West Lee Street intersects the east boundary line of the NW1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 20, T4N, R22E, thence running S 53°53' W along the north boundary line of West Lee Street for a distance of 102.6' to the point of beginning, thence continuing S 53°53' W for a distance of 140.4' to a point, thence running S 33°45' W along the north boundary line of West Lee Street for a distance of 53.4 feet to a point, thence running N 62°55' W for a distance of 132.5' to a point in the run of a branch, thence running in a northeasterly direction along run of said branch for a distance of 252.5', thence running S 37°34' E for a distance of 125.5' to the point of beginning. This property will be sold on an as is, where is basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. *Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.* This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact H. Samuel Prim, III at the phone number shown below prior to attendance at sale. Dated this the 4th day of September, 2025.

2LO, LLC:
BY: H. Samuel Prim, III
Prim & Mendheim, LLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
103 Jamestown Boulevard
Dothan, Alabama 36302
(334) 671-9555

(File No.: 25-1083)
9/11,18&25-chg.

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF GENEVA NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage and security agreement executed by CRAIG EDWARD SUYDAN and JENNIFER B. SUYDAN A/K/A JENNIFER LUCILLE NUNNERY SUYDAN, husband and wife, on the 26th day of April 2022, to 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as recorded in OFFREC Book 1154, Page 304, in the office of the Probate Judge of Geneva County, Alabama; 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Mortgagee, by reason of such default having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and security agreement due and payable and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and security agreement, and as authorized by Section 7-9A-604(a) (2) of the Code of Alabama of 1975 as amended, 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Mortgagee, will sell at public outcry, for cash to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door, in the City of Geneva, Geneva County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on October 15, 2025, the following described real and personal property situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to-wit: A lot or parcel of land located in Geneva County, Alabama, as surveyed by Andrew Bush Surveying, LLC, dated November 2, 2018, and being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at a found 1/2 inch rebar capped 9987 (FRB) marking the intersection of the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 24 East and the Southerly right of way of Corbin Road (60 ft. Prescriptive Right of Way) and being the Southeast corner of Glover Lot (Deed Book 405, Page 283); thence leaving said right of way and across road – along an existing fence North 02°15'45" East a distance of 798.12 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe capped "26952" (SIP), which is the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving said fence North 89°39'09" West a distance of 883.79 feet to SIP; thence North 00°56'03" East a distance of 900.67 feet to a SIP; thence South 89°39'09" East a distance of 883.79 feet to a SIP located along said fence (purported East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 24 East); thence along said fence/forty line South 00°56'03" West a distance of 900.67 feet, which is the POINT OF BEGINNING. INCLUDING a security interest in one (1) 2022 Timbercreek manufactured home, Serial No. TCHAL0100013A22 and Serial No. TCHAL0100013B22; together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all fixtures now attached to and used in connection with the premises herein described. This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some

persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. Said sale will be made subject to any existing Federal Tax Lien, if any, and/or Special Assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property. Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the above-described mortgage, and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of the said mortgage. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact Margery Oglesby at the phone number shown below prior to attending the sale. Kristofor D. Sodergren
Attorney for 21ST Mortgage Corporation
ROSEN HARWOOD, P.A.
2200 Jack Warner Pkwy Ste 200
P.O. Box 2727
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
(205) 344-5000
9/18,25&10/2-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
BERTHA ANDERSON,
DECEASED
CASE NO.: PR-2025-189

NOTE TO FILE CLAIMS
Letter Testamentary on the Estate of Bertha Anderson, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of September, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred. /s/ Charlene Tharpe
Charlene Ellis Tharpe
Personal Representative of said Estate
9/25, 10/2 & 9-pd

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms of a first mortgage executed on the 16th day of June 2023, by ISABEL REYES, an individual, as Mortgagor in favor of JOSEPH GLISSON and BARBARA J. GLISSON, as Mortgagees, as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Coffee County, Alabama, in Official Record Book 1032, Pages 35-36, on June 16, 2023, and said default continuing, the Mortgagee, under power of sale contained in said mortgage will sell at auction for cash to the highest bidder on the steps of the Coffee County Courthouse in Enterprise, Alabama, during legal hours of sale on Wednesday the 15th day of October, 2025, the following described real estate embraced in said mortgage, Alabama, to-wit: One lot or parcel of land more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING on the East side of Clintonville Rocky Head Highway as the NW corner of land owned by Sharron M. Thompson (formerly owned by Kenneth Locklar) and running East 291 feet to land now or formerly owned by Wade Folsom; thence North 210 feet; thence West 235 feet to the East side of Clintonville Rocky Head Highway; thence South along the East side Clintonville Rocky Head Highway 210 feet to the Point of Beginning. Bounded on the West by Clintonville Rocky Head Highway, on the South by

land now or formerly by Sharron M. Thompson and or Kenneth Locklar, on the East by land now or formerly owned by Wade Folsom and on the North by other lands now or formerly owned by May Kyser. Containing 1 ¼ acres, more or less, and being in the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 31, T6N, R22E, Coffee County, Alabama. Said Foreclosure sale will be made under the terms contained in said mortgage and in accordance with the law in causes made and provided for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgages, all unpaid taxes or special assessments, together with the expense of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee. The sale and conveyance made under this foreclosure will be made subject to existing federal tax liens, if any, and/or special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property. Mortgagees reserve the right to bid on the subject property. Said mortgage is a first mortgage and is not junior to another mortgage of record. Said sale is also subject to unpaid taxes and assessments whether of record or not. Dated this the 17th day of September, 2025. Thadius W. Morgan, Jr.
Attorney for Mortgagees
P.O. Box 310396
Enterprise, AL 36331
(334) 347-8130
9/25,10/2&9-pd.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Sarah Jo Shaffer to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, Ltd, dated August 31, 2023 said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in Book 220A, Page 298. Said mortgage was subsequently sold, assigned and transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC. Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned, Nationstar Mortgage LLC, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in Coffee County, Alabama on October 15, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following describe real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit: A LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT WHERE THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4, SECTION 23, T6N, R19E, INTERSECTS THE CENTERLINE OF ALABAMA HIGHWAY #189; THENCE IN A NORTH-WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF ALABAMA HIGHWAY #189, 1145.11 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 57 DEGREES 23'42" W 210.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE S 5 DEGREES 23'42" W 210.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 35 DEGREES 26' W 210.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 57 DEGREES 23'42" E 210.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 35 DEGREES 26' E 210.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4, SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 6N, RANGE 19E AND CONTAINING 1.0 ACRE,

MORE OR LESS. ALSO: COMMENCING AT A POINT WHERE THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4, SECTION 23, T6N, R19E INTERSECTS THE CENTERLINE OF THE ALABAMA HIGHWAY #189, THENCE IN A NORTH-WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF ALABAMA HIGHWAY #189 1145.11 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 57 DEGREES 23' 42" W 40.0 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY R.O.W. OF ALABAMA HIGHWAY #189 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S 57 DEGREES 23' 42" W 210.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 35 DEGREES 26' W 210.0 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE N 57 DEGREES 23' 42" E 210.0 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY R.O.W. OF ALABAMA HIGHWAY #189; THENCE S 35 DEGREES 26' E ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY R.O.W. OF ALABAMA HIGHWAY #189 A CHORD DISTANCE OF 210.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4, SECTION 23, T6N, R19E. Property Street Address for Informational Purposes: 22501 Highway 189 Elba AL 36323 Said property will be sold "AS IS". NO REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, IS MADE AS TO THE TITLE OF SAID PROPERTY. Said property is subject to any title deficiencies including but not limited to: any outstanding ad valorem taxes - including taxes which are a lien but not yet due and payable, federal tax liens any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. The highest bidder must tender the total amount of the winning bid in certified funds at the time and place of sale. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand the rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in said Mortgage and by Alabama law. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. **This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose.** Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Mortgagee or Transferee Jonathan Smothers, Esq
ALAW
420 North 20th Street, Suite 2249
Birmingham, AL 35203
Attorney for Mortgagee/Transferee
25-010157
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

DOOR HARDWARE REPLACEMENT FOR ELBA HIGH SCHOOL, ELBA ELEMENTARY AND THE ELBA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE FOR ELBA CITY SCHOOLS ELBA, AL MCKEE PROJECT NO. 25-175

131 Tiger Drive, Elba, AL 36323, until 2:00 PM Central Time, Thursday, October 9, 2025, then opened and read aloud. A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference shall be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 10:00 AM Central Time at the Board of Education Office. All General Contractors bidding on this project shall be required to visit the site(s) and examine all existing conditions prior to submitting their proposal. All Bidders shall have general liability and workman's compensation insurance. The project shall be bid excluding taxes. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing for receipt of bids for a period of ninety (90) days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owners judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted. A certified check or Bid Bond payable to Elba City Schools in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000.00 must accompany the bidder's sealed proposal. Performance and statutory labor and material payment bonds will be required at the signing of the Contract. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975 and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect. All bidders shall show such evidence by clearly displaying their current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. PDFs of the project can be reviewed by going to the McKee website at www.mckeeassoc.com and selecting "Project Bid List". Also, if you are not receiving NOTIFICATIONS from us, please register on our website, "Project Bid List" by selecting manage your bid list profile. The documents may be viewed online and printed by General Contractors, SubContractors and Suppliers. Documents published through this procedure are the only documents endorsed by the Architect. The Architect is unable to monitor, confirm and maintain other websites that provide documents. Addendums will be provided to entities that have CONFIRMED bidding for this particular project. The Architect retains ownership and copyrights of the documents. If bidders require printed sets, please submit request to the Architect at mckeeplans@gmail.com. Include your first & last name, company name, address, phone number and the project name and number. Print sets are to be returned in reusable condition within ten days after bid opening. All RFIs and RFAs regarding the bid documents shall be sent and addressed through emails found on the RFI and RFA forms in the project manual. NOTE: ONLY THE RFI AND RFA FORMS IN THE PROJECT MANUAL WILL BE ACCEPTED. The Architect will not accept inquiries via telephone or fax. Completion Time: See Scope of Work in Project Manual. Supervision: Contractor to ensure proper supervision of all work. Owner: Mr. Donny Powell, Elba City Schools, 131 Tiger Drive, Elba, AL 36323, Phone: 334-897-5601 Architect: Lathan McKee Architects, 631 South Hull Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104, Phone: 334-834-9933 9/25,10/2&9-chg.

Troy University announces ACHE approval of Doctor of Chiropractic program

Troy University last week announced the approval from the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) of a new Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) program at its Dothan Campus.

The proposed new program was approved by the ACHE commissioners during a meeting on Sept. 12. It now moves on for final approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

TROY will be only the second public university to offer this type of program in the country, positioning TROY as a pioneer in accessible chiropractic education in the southeast.

"This historic addition to our academic portfolio represents Troy University's continued commitment to expanding access to quality healthcare education," said Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., Chancellor of Troy University.

The doctorate program will be housed within Troy University's College of Health Sciences and is designed to address the growing demand for qualified chiropractors throughout Alabama and the Southeast.

"By becoming only the second public institution in the nation to offer this program, we are not only breaking new ground in higher education but also addressing a critical need for healthcare professionals in our region," Hawkins said. "This program exemplifies our mission to provide innovative, affordable education that serves our communities."

State Senator Donnie Chesteen, Chair of the Senate Committee on Education Policy, applauded the decision.

"TROY has a proud tradition of innova-

tion and growth, and this new program continues that legacy," Chesteen said.

Dr. Mike Massey, member of the American Chiropractic Association Board of Governors, emphasized the profession-wide opportunities the program creates.

"It's exciting to think about the opportunities that this program's going to open for the chiropractic profession in terms of research, funding, collaboration with other healthcare professionals, and parallel educational opportunities," Massey said. "They will also raise the visibility of chiropractic in academia and healthcare at large."

Alabama State Board of Chiropractic President Dr. Renee Bowen underscored the program's commitment to high standards.

"It is inspiring to see this program come to life after so much collaboration between Troy University, our board and our legislators. TROY's strong foundation in healthcare education will strengthen the chiropractic program, and in turn, it will enrich TROY," Bowen said.

"This is a historic decision that represents a transformative moment for healthcare in Alabama and the Southeast region," Dr. Brad Russell, Board Member of Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiners said. "Alabama faces a critical shortage of healthcare providers, typically in rural communities. The state rates amongst the lowest nationally in healthcare access. This new program will directly address this crisis by training the next generation of chiropractic providers to understand Alabama's healthcare needs and are committed to serving our communities."

Dr. LaGary Carter, Dean of the College of Health Sciences, emphasized the program's potential impact on healthcare access in the region.

"The establishment of our Doctor of Chiropractic program fills a significant educational gap in the Southeast while providing an affordable pathway to this rewarding healthcare profession," Carter said.

The program is expected to welcome its first cohort of students in Fall 2027, pending final accreditation approval.

The Dothan Campus location was strategically chosen due to its central position in the Wiregrass region and its proximity to multiple states, allowing the program to serve students from Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and beyond. The campus already houses successful health sciences programs, providing an established foundation for the new chiropractic program.

Troy University's entry into chiropractic education comes at a time when the profession is experiencing significant growth, with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projecting faster-than-average job growth for chiropractors through the next decade. The aging population and increased focus on non-pharmaceutical pain management approaches have contributed to rising demand for chiropractic services.

Children's smiles sought for Ninth Annual 'Share Your Smile With Alabama' Photo Contest

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) Oral Health Office announces the ninth annual "Share Your Smile with Alabama" statewide photo contest. This competition is a great opportunity for Alabama parents and guardians to showcase their child's smile.

This contest is open to children living in Alabama who are third-grade students or children 8 to 10 years of age who are homeschooled.

For official rules and application form go to <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/oralhealth/contest.html>. Entries are accepted September 22 through October 31, 2025. There is no entry fee.

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. The ADPH Oral Health Office designates the month to endorse the benefits of preventive dental visits for children, encourage community water fluoridation, and promote the HPV vaccine which the Food and Drug Administration has approved for children beginning at 9 years of age.

A girl and a boy will be selected as the winners from photo submissions. The pair will be highlighted in ADPH marketing campaigns to promote children's oral health and featured in a statewide news conference on January 8, 2026.

The ADPH Oral Health Office is dedicated to preventing dental disease for Alabama's citizens by promoting and developing quality, cost-effective community and school-based preventive, educational and early treatment programs which emphasize elimination of oral health disparities.

LEGAL NOTICES: More Legal Notices on Pages 5 & 6

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Mortgagor(s), Ellen R. Hornsby, to Mortgagee, Bank Plus, executed on or about the 17th day of July, 2014, said mortgage recorded in OR Book 857, Page 221, on the 17th day of July, 2014, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama, the undersigned as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage; will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse of Geneva County, Alabama, on Friday, October 10, 2025 at 4:00 p.m., all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to-wit: Commencing at the NE corner of the NE1/4 of NW1/4, Section 33, and running thence S89°48'W a distance of 188.13 feet to the point of beginning; thence S03°00'E along the westerly line of Broad Street, a distance of 86.94 feet; thence S86°50'W a distance of 189.26 feet; thence N02°15'44"W a distance of 86.94 feet; thence N86°50'E a distance of 188.13 feet to the point of beginning. Said property lying in the NE1/4 of NW1/4, Section 33, Township 2 North, Range 20 East, Geneva County, Alabama.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed, or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

This sale is subject to the Statutory Right of Redemption pursuant to Alabama Code Section 6-5-248 and/or Act 2015-79.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate.

This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact Jeffery D. Hatcher at the phone number shown below prior to attendance at sale.

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9/25, 10/2&9-chg.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

RENAE OWEN Plaintiff,
vs.
CASE NO. CV-2025-900110.00
Commence at the East boundary line of Alabama Highway 27 and go thence East 440 feet to the East line of the NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 Section 32, TWP 3, Range 22, and thence South 200 feet more or less to the South boundary line of NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 32, TWP 3, R 22 of the (Merritt Survey), and thence West 800 feet along South boundary of NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 32, TWP 3, R22, to East boundary of Highway 27 in Geneva County, AL., thence North 380 feet along West boundary of Alabama Highway 27 to P.O.B.,
A Defendant in rem,
RUTH ANDERSON STELLA, and any unknown heirs and any persons claiming a right or interest in the above property.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
RUTH ANDERSON STELLA and any and all unknown parties whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Plaintiff's Petition to Quiet Title and other relief by November 17, 2025 or thereafter a judgment and default may be rendered against them in Case Number 34-CV-2025-900110.00 of the Circuit Court of Geneva County.

Done this 18th day of September, 2025.

Ashley Powell,
Clerk of Circuit Court of Geneva County
David F. Holmes, P.C.
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 1180
Slocumb, AL 36375
(334) 886-3123
9/25, 10/2, 9&16-chg.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA GENEVA COUNTY SHERIFF NOTICE OF SALE

Under the virtue of an execution/default judgement order out of Geneva County Circuit Court of Geneva

County, Ala. On a judgement rendered therein, in which Sheriff Tony Helms and Cheyne Kalei Howell is (are) the Plaintiff(s) and Jannifer Lynn Tripp is (are) the Defendant(s). I, Tony Helms as Sheriff of Geneva County, Alabama, will sell to the highest, best, and last bidder for cash at Public Outcry whatever the equity Defendant(s) may possess in and to the following described Property,

To wit: (1) PROPERTY LOCATED AT 600 WEST COMMERCE STREET, HARTFORD AL. 36344. LEGAL DESCRIPTION BELOW:

The East Half of Block 101, West of the Hartford and Slocumb Railroad Company right-of-way, in the Town of Hartford, Alabama, according to the recorded plat of said town. Said property being bounded as follows: On the East by Eighth Avenue; on the South by Commerce Street; on the West by the property known as the Lassiter property and being the West Half of said Block 101, West; and on the North by Line Street.

Said property has also been described in some conveyances as Lots 1, 4, and 5, in Block 101 West, in the Town of Hartford, Alabama. There is a map or plat of Hartford prepared by a man named Jerkins that shows said property by such lot numbers but according to the recorded plat, said Block 101, West, has Lots 1, 2, and 3 described in Block 101, West, and the property intended to be conveyed is the East Half of Said lots and which is the East Half of Block 101, West.

In the event that the above description is not correct, we hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey to the grantees all of our right, title and interest in and to any and all property located in Block 101, West, in the Town of Hartford, Alabama. It is our intention to convey to the grantees all the property owned by A.C. Fields in said block at the time of his death.

LESS AND EXCEPT Lot 1 in Block 101 West, in the Town of Hartford, Alabama. WILL BE SUBJECT TO TAXES

Said sale to be held during Legal Hours of Sale at the Geneva County Courthouse Steps at 11:00 am on OCTOBER 4th, 2025. Done this 18th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

By: Sheriff Tony Helms
9/25, 10/2&9-chg.

ORDINANCE NO. 09222025
AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 03242025, SCHEDULE "L", SPECIAL EVENTS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that implementation of Schedule "L" as adopted has presented unforeseen administrative challenges and concerns regarding equitable enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds it necessary to temporarily suspend the effectiveness of Schedule "L" in order to review and revise its provisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Elba, Alabama, that:

1. The enforcement of Schedule "L" of Section 18-59 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby suspended effective immediately.

2. This suspension shall remain in effect until 03/01/2026 unless otherwise extended or rescinded by further ordinance.

3. During the period of suspension, no special event license under Schedule "L" shall be issued or required, and vendors shall remain subject to standard business licensing requirements.

4. City staff is directed to study and propose amendments to Schedule "L" to address implementation concerns.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of September, 2025.

City of Elba, Alabama
By: Tom Maddox
Its Mayor
Attest: Sally Bane
City Clerk
9/25-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Kenneth Lee Berry, Deceased
Case No: 25-133

NOTICE
TAKE NOTICE, that letters of Administration having been granted to DeLisa Berry Powell, as Administrator of Estate of Kenneth Lee Berry deceased, on the 17th day of September, 2025, by Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or same will be barred.

/s/ Toby L Seay
Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge

/s/ Alfred J. Danner
Alfred J. Danner
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, AL 36340
9/25, 10/2 & 9-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Douglas Ray Howell, Deceased
Case No: 25-134

NOTICE
TAKE NOTICE, that letters of Administration having been granted to Paulette Benroth, as Administrator of Estate of Douglas Ray Howell deceased, on the 21st day of August, 2024, by Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate.

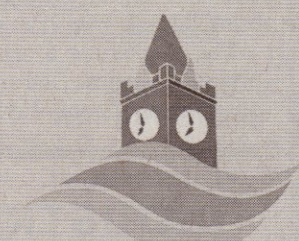
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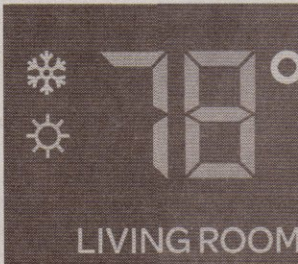
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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our youngest grandson Cannon came over for a few hours over the weekend and to help try to keep him out of trouble I reminded his parents that only two years ago they were worried that he would never learn to talk. Now that he is talking almost non-stop, and saying some things that his folks don't want to hear, those days are just a memory, but do earn a smile from this old granddaddy.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers saw their* season long victory drought continue last week with a wild 36-34 region loss to Brantley, but did begin to show signs of improvement on both sides of the ball and despite the homefield loss sent many fans home believing a win can't be far away. The offense scored 34 points for the second straight week and for the third straight week rolled up over 300 yards in total offense. A bright spot was the running game as Tyceson Davis again went over 100 yards rushing, while Easton McKelvy proved he was comfortable both coming out of the pocket and throwing the football as he rushed for 68 yards and passed for 68 yards. The 34-point outburst was good to see and Elba could have easily put even more points on the scoreboard if not for four holding penalties and three turnovers. It was a good performance for the offense, but not quite good enough to pull off a win. Over on defense, the Tigers forced a pair of punts on Brantley's final two possessions to give the offense a chance to rally, and despite allowing 36 points did put up a fight for most of the night. The defense is still giving up too many big plays, as Brantley had four plays that went for 25 yards or more. However, it did battle until the end and showed that despite what the stats show it is far from the worst defense in the state in the 1A ranks. No one expected the Tigers to be 0-5 at the midway point of the season, but there are still five games left and I know the players and coaches will keep working hard to finish with a bang and possibly shock the state by rallying to make the playoffs. Don't bet against them!

*** *It wasn't the best week of the season* for the county schools as they all dropped key region contests. * *Kinston scored twice in the final three minutes* to erase deficits and take the lead, but allowed two touchdowns on big plays, including one on a long pass with only four seconds left on the clock in a heartbreaking 37-34 loss to Georgiana. The Bulldogs proved once again they could compete against any team in the region, but simply could not close out the win and missed out on a chance to all but lock up a spot in the playoffs. * *New Brockton found itself in a four quarter fight* on the road at Dale County and fell just short in a 13-6 region road loss. The Gamecocks proved they could play defense, and not just rely on outscoring their opponents, and despite the loss may have actually improved as a team. * *Zion Chapel saw its region road trip* to Luverne get out of hand late in the first half after three straight turnovers in a 64-6 loss to the third-ranked Tigers. The Rebels had some success moving the ball at times and became the first team to score on the Luverne defense, but took home no positives and will no doubt get back to end their three-game skid and try to earn a playoff berth.

*** *It was another big week across the state* with ranked teams showing why they deserve their rankings with 9 of the 'Top 10' teams winning in 1A, 3A and 4A, and 8 of the 'Top 10' teams winning in 5A and 6A. The only class that struggled to prove their worth was 7A, where only six if the top ten managed wins. Here's a quick look back.... (1A) Leroy defeated J.F. Shields 52-14 and Maplesville blanked Autauga Academy 38-0 to try and keep up with defending state champ Wadley, which ripped Victory Christian 63-6. Closer to home, McKenzie outscored Florala 56-28 and Pleasant Home shocked Red Level 26-22. (2A) Defending state champ Reeltown won a wild 73-49 region victory over Loachapoka and infamous

Coosa Christian upped its record to 3-2 with a 56-26 win over Susan Moore, while closer to home Arifton remained unbeaten with a 36-16 win over G.W. Long, Cottonwood rolled over Samson 40-22 and Abbeville claimed its first win of the season with a 48-6 romp past Houston County. (3A) Mars Hill walloped Lauderdale County 42-7 and Piedmont defeated Westbrook Christian 40-27 to remain atop the polls, while closer to home Wicksburg stunned Houston Academy 36-17, Northside Methodist was no match for undefeated Montgomery Academy and dropped a 62-6 decision, and Slocomb continued its struggles with a 42-6 loss to Trinity. (4A) Defending state champ Jackson rolled to an impressive 42-14 win over previously unbeaten Mobile Christian and St. Michael's kept pace with a 56-14 win over Escambia County, while closer to home Opp pulled way late to thump Daleville 48-24, Ashford surprised Pike County 34-14 and Geneva suffered its 15th straight loss in a 44-7 loss to Straughn. (5A) Vigor struggled a little in a 33-21 win over Citronelle and Moody kept pace with a 31-28 win over Helena, while closer to home Andalusia go spanked by Pace, FL. 35-0, Charles Henderson lost to Catholic 35-21, Eufaula ripped Carroll 52-14 and Headland beat Greenville 35-0. (6A) Defending champ Parker got clobbered by Carrollton, GA. 43-7 and Clay-Chalkville beat up on Brandon, MS. 47-15, while closer to home Rehobeth got whipped by Wetumpka 49-18. (7A) Central of Phenix City handed Enterprise its third straight loss in a 53-24 road win, and Thompson dominated Vestavia Hills 35-3, while closer to home Dothan got thumped by Carver 50-28, and Auburn and Opelika both claimed region wins.

*** *I guess the midway point of the regular season* is as good a time as any to peek ahead at the region standings and try to figure out what the playoff picture may look like in a few weeks. In *Class 1A, Region 2*, McKenzie and Brantley are both 3-0 with four region games left and both appear to be in good shape to get an invitation to the post-season party, while Georgiana is 2-1 and has to feel good about its chances. Kinston is tied with Red Level, Pleasant Home and Florala with a 1-2 slate, but the Bulldogs have battles remaining against Florala, McKenzie, Brantley and suddenly competitive Pleasant Home, and will have to play their best every night if they hope to make the party. Elba sits at the bottom of the region standings with an 0-3 record, but the Tigers have four seemingly winnable games left with Red Level and Pleasant Home, at home, and road games at Georgiana and Florala. I know it sounds a little crazy, but if the Tigers can sweep their remaining region games they should make the playoffs, possibly as a #3 seed. Up in *Class 2A, Region 3*, Goshen and Luverne are sitting atop the standings and should hold down the top two spots come playoff time, followed by Highland Home, which has a shot at moving up into the top two if it can pull off an upset along the way. Pike Lib and Calhoun both have one region win, with Barbour County and Zion Chapel bringing up the rear. However, the Rebels have a very winnable schedule with region games left against Pike Lib, Calhoun and Barbour County, and if they fail to make the playoffs will have no one to blame but themselves. In *Class 4A, Region 2*, Opp and Straughn are both 3-0 in the region and are in good shape to advance, but Ashford and Dale County are both 2-1 and more than capable of beating anyone on their schedules on any given night. New Brockton stands at 1-2 and still has a shot at moving on, but the Gamecocks four region games left include Ashford, Straughn and Pike County, which makes their road a little tougher than most.

*** *Everyone in Elba that knew Emmanuel Cooks* was shocked and brought to tears last week when word broke of his sudden death after a football game in Mississippi. Emmanuel attended school in Elba from kindergarten until graduation last spring and was always a favorite of the teachers, coaches and anyone that was lucky enough to call him a friend. While he was an all-state football player and received a scholarship to a community college

in Mississippi, he was much, much more as a person. I can remember watching him flatten linemen from his place on the offensive line and crush running backs while on defense. One of my fondest memories was in basketball, when forced to miss games because of an ankle injury, he simply grabbed the towels and water bottles and became the team's best and biggest manager and supporter. As big as 'E-Man' was, his heart was bigger, and that is how I will remember him. Rest in peace!

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* stopped by over the weekend, and while he said Elba had let two wins slip away the last two weeks, he swore the Tigers were better than their record showed and said he expected some excitement in the weeks to come. The local guesspert hit on 23 of his 29 picks last week and left this week's fearless forecast, proclaiming the best is still yet to come. Oh well, here goes....

ELBA VS. GOSHEN

The Pea River felines ran all over Mack Wood Field last week hunting a win, but after not being able to find one, will have to take their hunt this week across the county line looking to upset one of the top 2A teams in the region. While there is no doubt the felines are still good hunters, this hunt will be anything but easy.

GOSHEN 38 ELBA 28

KINSTON VS. SAMSON

The bulldogs from down near the county line didn't get to enjoy last week's dance after a tough loss to a region foe, and this week could find the going just as tough when they head across the bridges to tangle with a litter of kitties that have grown claws in recent weeks. This one could be a lot closer than many think.

KINSTON 28 SAMSON 26

NEW BROCKTON VS. MONROE COUNTY

The roosters that hang out behind the parking lot will be in a bad mood this week after letting a region road win slip away, and will have their talons sharpened and ready to scratch up a litter of kitties expected to drop in later in the week. Everyone in the neighborhood should be able to hear the crowing Friday night after a big win.

NEW BROCKTON 40 MONROE COUNTY 14

OTHER PICKS:

Brantley 30 Highland Home 20
Florala 36 Bayshore Christian 12
Sweet Water 22 Georgiana 20
McKenzie 55 J.F. Shields 6
Notasulga 26 Pike Lib 24
Wadley 21 Glenwood 17
Abbeville 48 Barbour County 8
LaFayette 28 Red Level 20
Loachapoka 45 Beulah 0
Hillcrest 22 Greenville 20
UMS-Wright 24 T.R. Miller 21
Montgomery Academy 17 Luverne 15
Southside 60 Keith 0
Jackson 42 Le Flore 0
Headland 20 Ashford 18
Arifton 21 Dale County 14
Wicksburg 35 Daleville 21
Slocomb 29 Geneva 24
Opp 45 Destin 10
Pike County 30 Carroll 21
Andalusia 21 Beaufort 17
Benjamin Russell 38 Charles Henderson 7
Eufaula 31 Wetumpka 30
Cottonwood 21 Rehobeth 16
Thompson 31 Clay-Chalkville 14
Baker 50 Houston County 0
Moody 24 Auburn 21
Opelika 27 Pike Road 22

Tigers hope to spoil Goshen homecoming

The Elba Tigers will be on the road Friday night when they travel to Goshen to tangle with the 2A Goshen Eagles, in a non-region clash.

Elba owns a 9-0 series edge over the Eagles and won last season 48-34, in a series that started in 2010. The Tigers will bring an 0-5 record into the clash as coming off a loss to Brantley 36-34, while Goshen will enter the game riding a three-game winning streak after an opening loss to Alabama Christian 27-7 and wins over Zion Chapel 31-21, Calhoun 31-0 and Highland Home 45-20.

"Goshen is a well-coached football team with good size and very talented skill people," said Elba's Coach Jon Cooper. "and we will have to play our best to bring home a win."

The Eagles are a senior oriented team led by quarterback Grant Taylor,

who last week rushed for 92 yards and two touchdowns on 18 carries and also completed two of seven passes for 18 yards and one score. A trio of seniors hold down the running back positions, led by Jaylon Vinson, who last week rushed for 98 yards and one td on 16 carries, while Jumari Flowers is also the team's leading receiver and RB Allen packs power for the inside running attack.

The men that anchor the Goshen line are big and strong, and include a mix of two seniors, two juniors and three sophomores. Seniors Tristen Andrews (237) and Jacob Brunson (225) are the veterans in the line, while juniors George Crawley (305) and Kolby Richardson (275) provide a punch, and sophomores Keonte Thomas (270), Ta'javion Rodgers (275) and Corbin Brundidge (280) provide youth and added power to the men

up front.

The Tigers have begun to settle in on offense the last three weeks and in the three games have averaged over 29 points per game, led by sophomore running back Tyceson Davis and junior wide-receiver Reggie Gilbert. Davis has rushed for 408 yards and seven touchdowns since the offensive revival,

while Gilbert has rushed for 107 yards and three touchdowns, as well as pulling in five passes for 68 yards and one td and returning a kickoff for a score.

The game Friday night will be homecoming at Goshen High School with pregame festivities set to begin at 6:30 pm, followed by the kickoff at 7:00 pm.

AREA FOOTBALL PREVIEW

The high school football season will take a week off from the region wars this week with New Brockton hosting Monroe County and Kinston traveling to Samson.

Following is a preview of this week's area match-ups:

Monroe County at New Brockton

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to bounce back from a tough road loss to Dale County Friday night when they host the Monroe County Tigers. The Gamecocks own a 1-0 series edge, having won last season, 30-7 in the first meeting ever. New Brockton will bring a 3-2 record into the clash, but is 3-0 at home and will be looking to continue to defend its home turf. Monroe County will bring a 1-3 record into the game, having won its season opener 48-28 over Florala, and losing its last three games to Escambia County 24-6, T.R. Miller 35-8 and Bayside Academy 60-0.

Kinston at Samson

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to rebound from a region loss to Georgiana Friday night when they travel to Samson for a clash with the arch-rival Samson Tigers. Samson owns a big 33-10 series edge, but Kinston has won the last four meetings and last season rolled to a 63-27 win. The Bulldogs own a 2-3 record and have averaged 33 points a game in their last three games, while the Tigers will enter the game with a 1-3 record with a win its their season opener over Pike Liberal Arts 44-20 and losses to G.W. Long 35-18, Providence Christian 35-16 and Cottonwood 40-22.

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Tigers drop region clash with Brantley 36-34

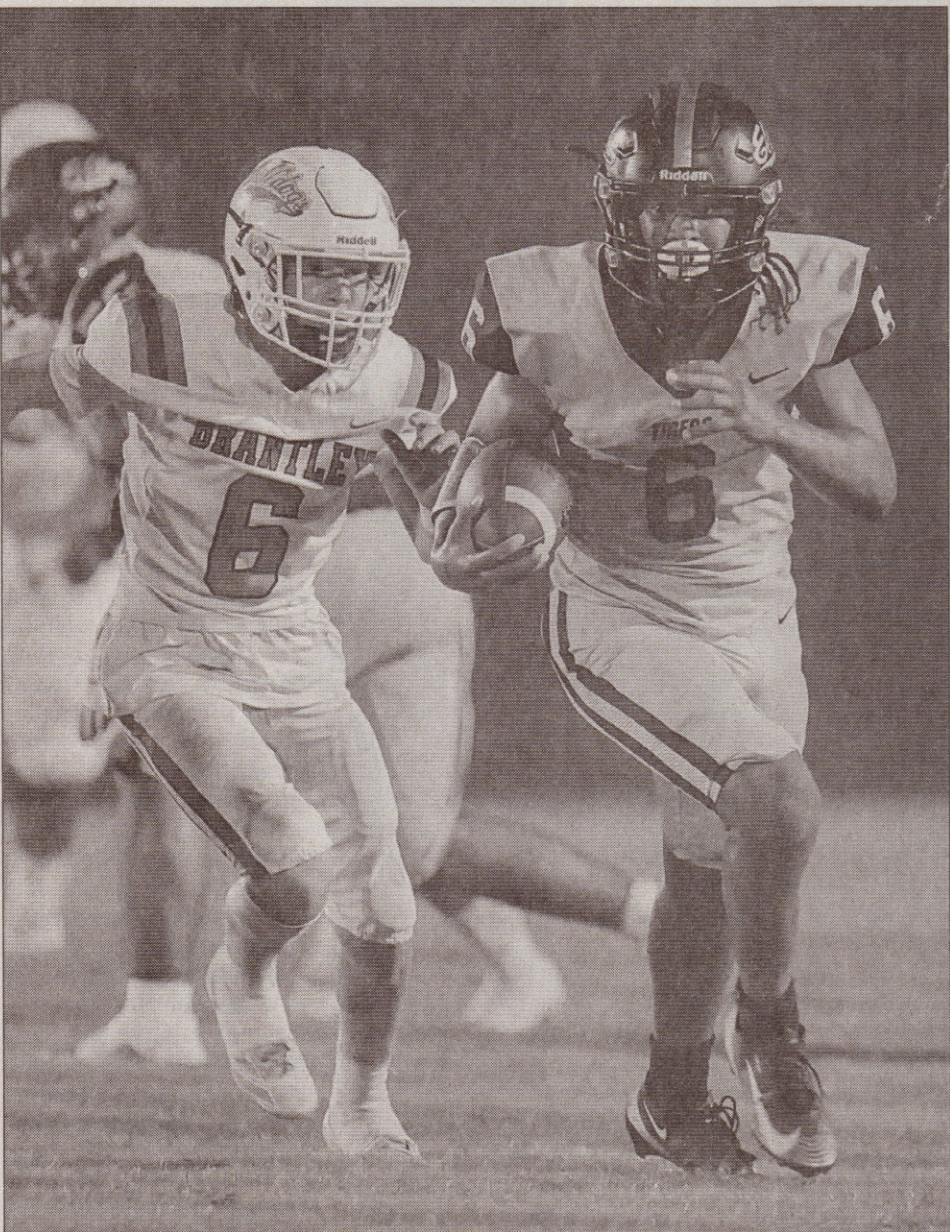
By, Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by, Colby Capps



Elba Tiger Reggie Gilbert (1) is off and running on an 82-yard kickoff return for a touchdown on the game's opening kickoff in last week's region battle with Brantley.



Elba Tiger RJ Melton (19) tries to pull the football loose from a Brantley runner in last week's 36-34 region loss to the Bulldogs.



Elba Tiger Tyceson Davis (6) turns the corner on Brantley defender Asa Blackmon (6) and heads upfield for a big gain in last week's 36-34 region loss to Brantley. Davis rushed for 161 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Elba offense in the key region clash.

The Elba Tigers battled for all four quarters Friday night in a disappointing 36-34 region loss to the Brantley Bulldogs, at Tiger Stadium.

Elba brought the crowd to its feet early as on the game's opening kickoff Reggie Gilbert fielded the kick at the 18-yardline, spotted an opening in the middle of the field and raced 82 yards for a Tiger touchdown. A bad snap filed the extra-point attempt, but with only 15-seconds gone off the clock Elba was already on top 6-0.

Brantley began its initial possession at its own 43-yardline and overcame two early penalty flags to go 73 yards in seven plays to pull even. A 31-yard pass from Kevin Freeman to Hank Johnson was a key play in the scoring drive, while the Bulldog td came on a 3-yard run by Andre Wright. A two-point pass missed its target, and with 7:30 left in the quarter the two region rivals were tied at 6-6.

Elba got a break late midway through the quarter when Ky'Avian Stoudemire alertly scooped up a backward pass and returned it 38 yards to set the Tigers up at the Brantley 12-yardline. After a penalty on first down, Elba struck paydirt when Easton McKelvy connected with Reggie Gilbert on a 22-yard td toss. McKelvy passed to Jaden Baker for the two-point conversion, and with 3:05 remaining in the quarter the Tigers were back on top 14-6.

Elba recovered an on-sides kick after its second score to set up shop at midfield, and four plays later was right back in the endzone. A 17-yard pass from McKelvy to Gilbert sparked the scoring drive, and it was Gilbert that scored the touchdown on a 14-yard scamper around the left side. Laquatos Edwards kicked the extra-point, and with 1:10 still left in the first quarter the Tigers lead had grown to 21-6.

Brantley began its ensuing possession at its own 27-yardline and went 73 yards in only three plays to cut into the Elba advantage. A 62-yard run by Andre Wright quickly moved the ball to the Elba 11-yardline, and on the first play of the second quarter Kevin Freeman scored on a 5-yard run. Freeman also ran in the two-point conversion to pull the Bulldogs within 21-14 with 11:50 left in the second quarter.

Brantley regained possession with a fumble recovery at the Elba 38-yardline three plays after the ensuing kickoff, and this time needed only one play to find the endzone as Freeman went to the air and connected with Wright on a 38-yard scoring strike. Wright ran in the two-point conversion as the Bulldogs grabbed their first lead of the half at 22-21 with 10:15 remaining in the half.

Elba reached a first down at the Brantley 25-yardline on its ensuing possession, only to be turned back empty-handed by a pass interception, and drove to a first down at the Brantley 21-yardline on its final series of the half, but once again failed to put points on the scoreboard as the Tigers went in at intermission trailing 22-21.

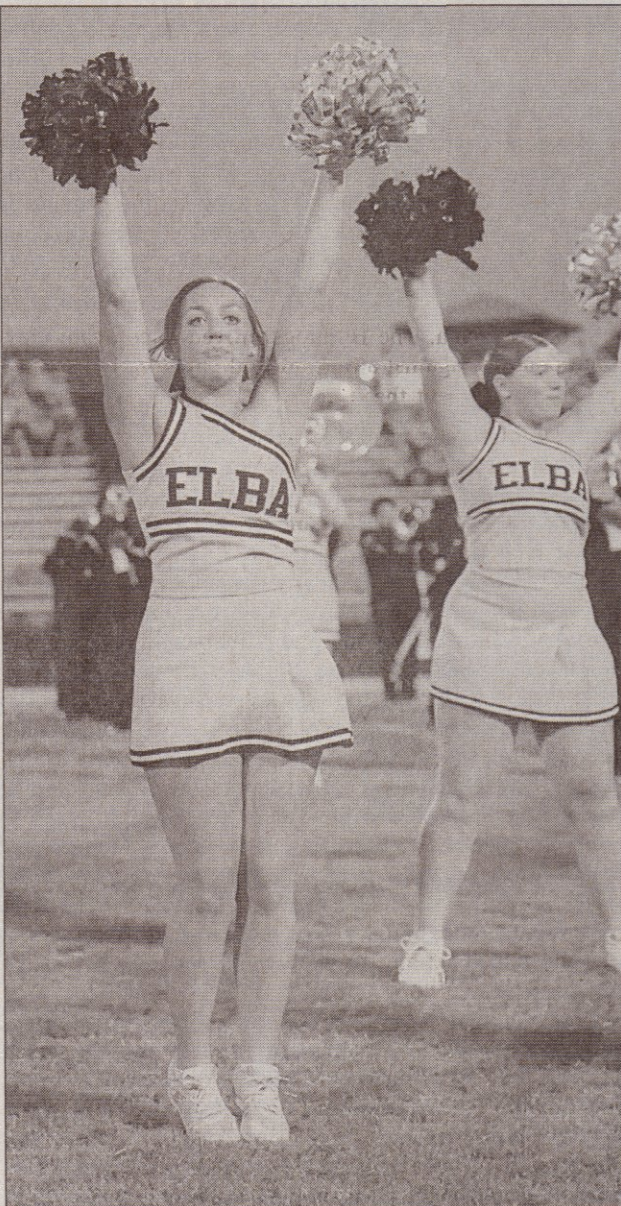
Brantley began its initial possession of the second half at the Elba 43-yardline after an unsuccessful on-sides kick, and this time kept it on the ground as the Bulldogs went 43 yards in six running plays, capped by a 6-yard run by Kevin Freeman. Freeman passed to Grayson Goodson for the two-point conversion, and with 9:16 left in the third quarter the Bulldogs lead was up to 30-21.

Elba had a quick answer for the Brantley score as the Tigers took the ensuing kickoff and went 52 yards in six plays to cut into the Bulldog advantage. A 10-yard pass from Easton McKelvy to Reggie Gilbert and a 9-yard pass from McKelvy to Jaden Baker were key plays in the scoring drive, while the score came on a 10-yard run by Tyceson Davis. Edwards added the extra-point as the Tigers pulled within 30-28 with 6:50 left in the quarter.

A 67-yard kickoff return by Brantley's Andre Wright set the Bulldogs up at the Elba 12-yardline, and on the first play of the possession Kevin Freeman ramblled in for a score to push the Bulldog lead to 36-28 with 6:27 still left in a wild third quarter.

Elba appeared to score on its next possession on a 31-yard halfback pass from Tyceson Davis to Reggie Gilbert on fourth down and 11. However, it was ruled the original pass to Davis was also a forward pass, and not a lateral, which resulted in a penalty flag and a loss of downs.

The Tigers regained possession at their own 23-yardline after a Brantley punt and this time Elba went 77 yards in only four plays to find its way back into the endzone. A 33-yard scramble by Easton McKelvy was a key play in the long scoring drive, while the Tiger touchdown came on a 31-yard run by Tyceson Davis. A halfback pass on the two-point conversion missed its target, but with 6:52 remaining in the fourth quarter Elba was within 36-34.



Elba Tiger cheerleaders kept the spirit and kept the fans on their feet for all four quarters in last week's region clash with Brantley.

Elba began its final offensive series of the night at its own 12-yardline after a Brantley punt and behind the running and passing of McKelvy, and a pair of major distance penalties against the Bulldogs, found itself with a first down at the Brantley 19-yardline. The Tigers got as close as the 13 on a six-yard run by Tyceson Davis, but they could get no closer as a second down run failed to gain and on third down Brantley picked off a pass to end the threat and seal the 36-34 region win.

Tyceson Davis rushed for 161 yards and two touchdowns on 18 carries to

lead the Elba offense, while Easton McKelvy rushed for 68 yards on 14 carries and completed 8 of 14 passes, with two interceptions, for 68 yards and one td. Reggie Gilbert scored three Tiger touchdowns as he ran a kickoff back 82 yards, caught a 22-yard pass and ran in from 14 yards out.

Andre Wright rushed for 178 yards and one td on 17 carries and caught one pass for 38 yards and a touchdown to lead Brantley, while Kevin Freeman rushed for 30 yards and two td's on eight carries and completed 3 of 6 passes for 80 yards and one td.

The yardstick....

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23	1 st Downs	11
42-281	Rushes-Yds.	26-207
68	Passing Yds.	80
349	Total Offense	287
8-14-2	Passes	3-6-0
3/1	Fumbles/Lost	2/1
1-(-) 6	Punts-Ave.	3-31
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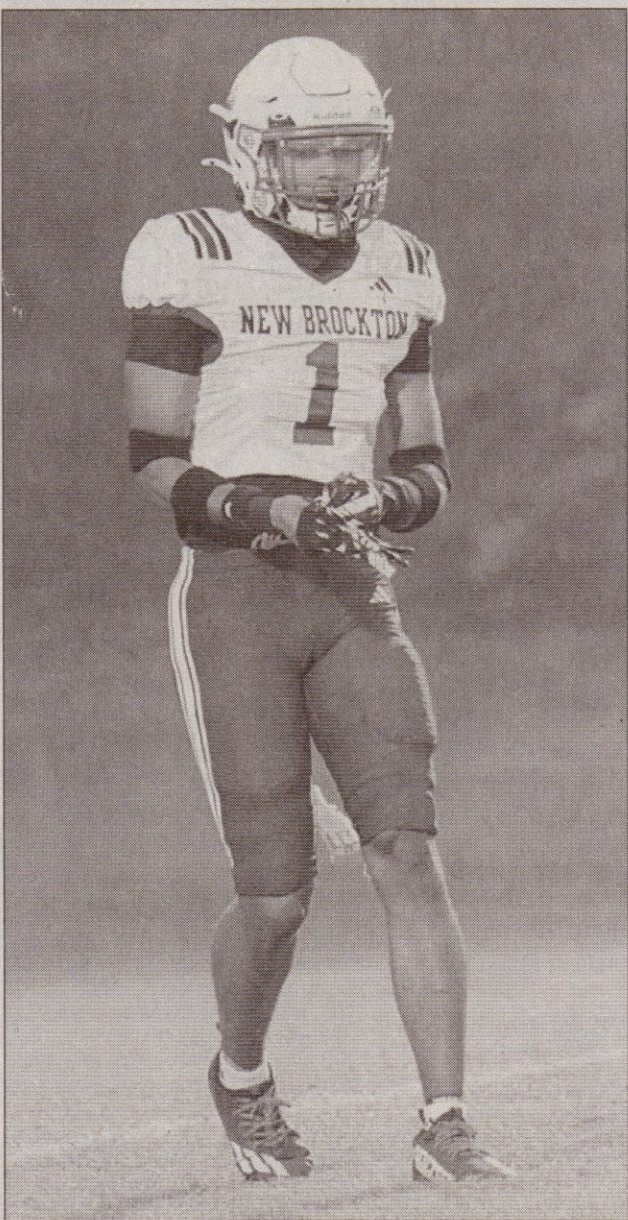
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SPORTS NEWS



New Brockton Gamecock Anthony Silar (1) rushed for 12 yards and one touchdown and caught two passes for 45 yards in last week's 13-6 region road loss to Dale County.

Elba JV fall to Kinston 24-22

The Elba JV Tigers rallied from a 16-point halftime deficit to pull within two points late in the fourth quarter, but failed to convert a crucial two-point conversion after their final score and saw their record dip to 2-2 with a 24-22 homefield loss to the Kinston Bulldogs.

Kinston's John Davis recovered an Elba fumble on the first play of the game at the Tigers 34-yardline and the Bulldogs cashed in the turnover when Joshua Hart raced in from 7-yards out. Evan Hilburn added the two-point conversion with a hard run up the middle, and with 6:48 left in the first quarter the Bulldogs were already on top 8-0.

Elba answered the Kinston score on its ensuing possession as the Tigers went 65 yards in ten plays to get on the scoreboard. Corbin Eddins rushed for 49 yards on three carries to lead the Tigers down the field, while RJ Melton capped the long scoring drive with a 6-yard run. Melton passed to Keleb Magwood for the two-point conversion and with 1:40 left in the quarter Elba had pulled even at 8-8.

Kinston scored on its next offensive series to go on top 16-8 when Evan Hilburn pulled in a tipped pass from Hart that went for 31 yards, and Hilburn also ran in a two-point conversion, while the Bulldogs cashed in another Elba turnover midway through the second quarter with a 31-yard dash up the middle by Hart and a two-point run by Hart as Kinston carried a big 24-8 lead in at intermission.

Elba began its initial possession of the second half at its own 24-yardline and the Tigers needed eight plays to cover the distance to the goal line. Corbin Eddins rushed for 46 yards on three carries to spark the scoring drive, while RJ Melton scored his second touchdown of the night on a 5-yard run. Eddins ran in the two-point conversion, as Elba pulled within 24-16 with 37-seconds left in the third quarter.

Elba regained possession at its own 30-yardline after a defensive stop and this time went 70 yards in five plays to get back into the endzone. RJ Melton rushed for 20 yards on two carries to help lead the Tigers down the field, while Corbin Eddins rushed for 47 yards on two carries and scored on a 15-yard blast up the middle. A two-point pass from Melton to Kimorian Lane was complete, but short of the goal line, and with 1:26 left, the Tigers trailed 24-22.

The Tigers got the ball back at their own 28-yardline with 56-seconds left on the clock, but were unable to reach paydirt as Kinston held on for the 24-22 win.

Corbin Eddins rushed for 142 yards and one touchdown on eight carries to lead the Elba ground game, while RJ Melton rushed for 70 yards and two td's on 11 carries and completed 2 of 7 passes for 14 yards.

Evan Hilburn rushed for 135 yards on 20 carries to lead the Kinston ground attack, while Joshua Hart rushed for 59 yards and two td's on 10 carries and completed 2 of 3 passes for 34 yards and one td.



Elba JV Tiger Corbin Eddins (30) eyes room to run in recent football action.

Photo by Linda Hodge

Gamecocks drop region road clash to Warriors 13-6

Statistics by, Brandon White
Photos by, Linda Hodge

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their region title hopes take a hit Friday night in a hard fought 13-6 road loss to the Dale County Warriors, in Midland City.

New Brockton threatened to score on its initial possession of the game and after a 20-yard pass from Wesley Creel to Cayden Wallace helped the Gamecocks reach a first down at the Warriors 31-yardline. However, the Gamecocks failed to cash in the early opportunity as they turned the ball over on downs at the Dale County 29.

Six of the game's next seven possessions ended in punts, with the lone exception being a New Brockton turnover that Dale County turned into points when Kam Cotton intercepted a pass and returned it 73 yards for a Warrior touchdown. The extra-point try was successful, and with 47-seconds left in the first quarter Dale County was on top 7-0.

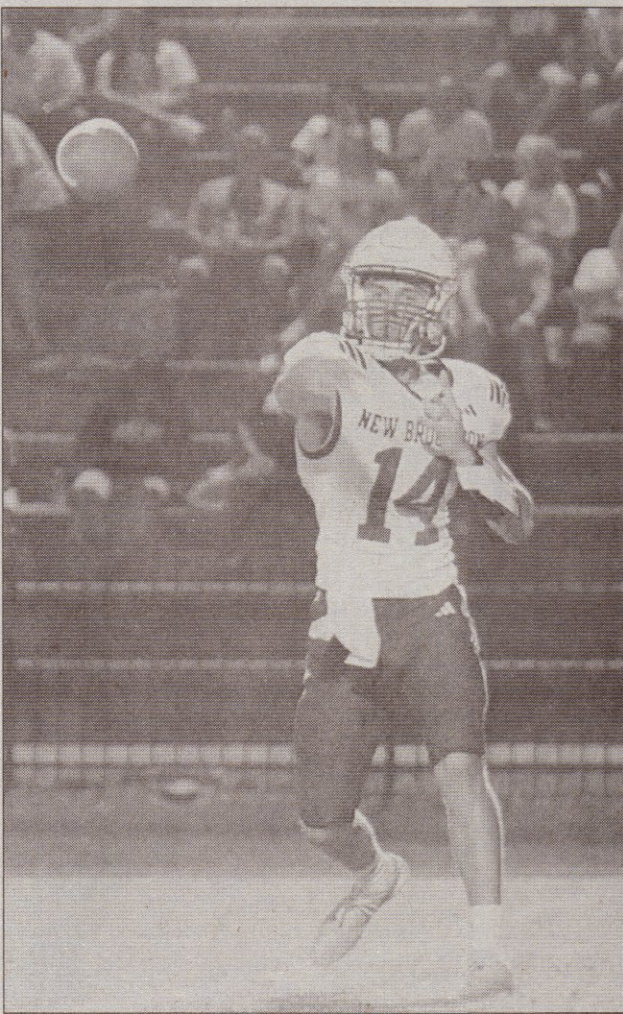
Dale County began a drive at the New Brockton 35-yardline midway through the second quarter after a short punt, and with the help of a Gamecock penalty, capitalized on the short field and upped its

lead to 13-0 with 4:53 left in the half on a 3-yard td toss from Aaron Beasley to Junior Smith.

New Brockton was forced to punt on its initial two possessions of the third quarter, but came to life on offense on its third series and drove 62 yards to get on the scoreboard. Bryant Crumpler had runs of 8 and 34 yards to help the Gamecocks reach a first down at the Dale County 14, while Anthony Silar scored on the first play of the fourth quarter on a 2-yard run to pull New Brockton within 13-6.

The Gamecocks were right back in business at the Dale County 35 after a partially blocked punt by Noah Moore, and led by the running and passing of Wesley Creel moved to a first down at the Warrior 6-yardline. The drive ended three yards short of the goal line; however, and while the Gamecocks did get the ball back in the closing seconds of the game at the Dale County 13-yardline after a punt return by Anthony Silar, they again failed to reach the endzone as they dropped the 13-6 region road clash.

Wesley Creel completed 6 of 17 passes, with two interceptions, for 86 yards to the Gamecocks in the air, while Bryant Crumpler led the way on the ground with 61 yards in nine carries and Anthony Silar added



New Brockton Gamecock Wesley Creel (14) completed 6 of 17 passes for 86 yards in last week's 13-6 region road loss to Dale County.

12 yards and one td on five carries. Silar caught two passes for 45 yards to lead Gamecock receivers and Crumpler had two catches for 13 yards.

Noah Moore had 7 tackles, three sacks and a blocked punt to lead the

New Brockton defense, while Bryant Crumpler added 6 tackles, Peyton Collins added 5 tackles, one sack and a forced fumble, Bradyn Crumpler added 4 tackles, and Leo Reyes added 3 tackles and a fumble recovery.

In region road clash

Rebels ambushed in Luverne 64-6

Photos by, Amanda Clark

The Zion Chapel Rebels became the first team to score against the Luverne defense this season, but the lone score wasn't nearly enough to threaten to pull off an upset of the third-ranked Tigers as the Rebels saw their losing skid reach three games with a 64-6 region road loss, last Thursday night, at Glenn Daniel Stadium.

Luverne scored on its initial two possessions on a 21-yard run by Elliott Harris and a 69-yard run by Khi Harris, and a pair of extra-points by Cameron Powell, to grab an early 14-0 lead, but the Rebels showed signs of life offensively on their second series and reached a first down at the Luverne 36-yardline behind the running of Brayden Benbow and John Foster Hamm, only to see a fourth down pass fall off the fingertips of a Zion Chapel receiver to put an end to the drive.

Luverne drove 66 yards in four plays and upped its lead to 20-0 on a 4-yard run by Khi Harris, and Zion Chapel then saw disaster strike as it turned the ball over three times in four plays and could only watch as the Tigers cashed in the turnovers as their lead ballooned to 42-0 with 6:50 left in the half. The first Luverne score during the series was a fumble recovery in the endzone, while the second td came on a 38-yard interception return by Jadaveon McCreary and the third came on a 17-yard pass from Kane Smith to Elliott Harris after a Rebel fumble at the Zion Chapel 17-yardline.

Luverne added two late scores in the second quarter on a 56-yard run by Elliott Harris and an 18-yard pass from Kane Smith to Omar Crumbley, and Powell was perfect with his extra-points

as the Tigers went in at the half with a 57-0 lead.

Zion Chapel received the second half kickoff and marched 69 yards in six running plays to get on the scoreboard. Brayden Benbow rushed for 62 yards on four carries and scored the Rebel td on a 53-yard run in which he raced down the right sidelines, cut back across the field, picked up a key downfield block from Gunnar Jacobs and powered his way into the left corner of the endzone. A two-point pass missed its target, and with 5:17 left in the third quarter Luverne's lead stood at 57-6.

Luverne added a score on its ensuing possession on a 56-yard dash by Jadaveon McCreary, and Powell again added the extra-point as the Tigers ended the night's scoring and handed the Rebels a 64-6 region, road loss.

Brayden Benbow rushed for 103 yards and one touchdown on 11 carries to lead the Zion Chapel offense, while Trent Elrod added 13 yards rushing on seven carries and Joh Foster Hamm rushed for 11 yards on eight carries and completed one of three passes, with one interception, for seven yards.

Jadaveon McCreary rushed for 111 yards and one touchdown on seven carries to lead the Tigers, while Elliott Harris rushed for 89 yards and two td's on four carries, Khi Harris added 77 yards and two td's on three carries, Tavion Rainey added 70 yards on two carries, and Dane Smith rushed for 35 yards on four carries and completed two of four passes for 35 yards and two td's.



Zion Chapel Rebel Gunnar Jacobs (10) gets instructions from coach prior to taking in the play call in last week's loss to Luverne.



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SPORTS NEWS



Kinston Bulldogs Jon Simmons (15) and Judd Green (9) jump high to celebrate a touchdown in last week's region battle with Georgiana.

Falls late to Georgiana 37-34 Homecoming heartache for Kinston

Statistics by, W.J. Adcock
Photos by, Linda Hodge

The Kinston Bulldogs saw what appeared to be a Cinderella ending to homecoming turn into a nightmare last Thursday night in a heartbreaking 37-34 region loss to the Georgiana Panthers.

Kinston failed to take advantage of a pass interception by Jackson Cowen on the second play of the game, but did get its offense on track early in the second quarter and sparked by the running of Jon Simmons got on the scoreboard first. Simmons broke loose on a 43-yard dash early in the possession to move the Bulldogs into Panther territory and capped the scoring march with a 27-yard touchdown scamper. A two-point run failed, but with 9:22 left in the second quarter Kinston was on to 6-0.

Kinston regained possession on the Georgiana side of the field after a short punt and took advantage of the short field to up its lead, with the Bulldog score coming on a 23-yard pass from Simmons to Judd Green. Lucas Farris ran in the two-point conversion to push the Kinston lead to 14-0 with 5:30 remaining in the quarter.

Georgiana got on the scoreboard with 4:27 left in the half on a 51-yard sprint by Jyrese Presley, and Landen Bethel kicked the extra-point as the Panthers pulled within 14-7.

Kinston lost a fumble on its initial possession of the third quarter and Georgiana cashed in the turnover to pull even. The Panther td came on a 16-yard run by Presley, and Bethel again added the extra-point to catch Kinston at 14-14 with 4:45 left in the third quarter.



Kinston Bulldogs Ryan Gooden (18) and Evan Hilburn (7) apply pressure to Georgiana punter. The heavy rush resulted in a short punt that led to a Bulldog touchdown in last week's 37-34 region loss.

Georgiana's Presley broke loose again late in the quarter on a 97-yard scoring dash and Bethel booted the extra-point to put the Panthers ahead 21-14. However, the Bulldogs bounced right back and drove 65 yards to cut into the Georgiana advantage, with Judd Green rushing for 60 yards on four carries, including a 23-yard touchdown run that pulled Kinston within 21-20 with 9:54 remaining in the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs began their next possession at the Georgiana 26-yardline after another short punt and quickly cashed in the short field to regain the lead. Jon Simmons capped the short scoring drive with a 7-yard

td run, and Judd Green tacked on the two-point conversion as the Bulldogs went on top 28-21 with 6:21 left on the clock.

Georgiana's Jyrese Presley continued to haunt the Kinston defense with a 37-yard touchdown run, and Bernard McCaster ran in the two-point conversion to put the Panthers back in front 29-28 with 3:41 remaining, but once again the Bulldogs came back as they marched 60 yards to move back on top.

Judd Green rushed for 52 yards on three carries to lead the Bulldogs down the field and scored the Kinston touchdown on a 10-yard run, and while a two-point run failed to

add points, the Bulldogs were ahead 34-29 with just 1:38 left on the clock.

The Panthers again refused to be caged; however, as McCaster completed four straight pass attempts, including a 37-yard td toss to Jayvion Ball with only four seconds remaining. Ball also ran in the two-point conversion as Georgiana stunned Kinston with the last-second 37-34 win.

Judd Green rushed for 207 yards and two touchdowns on 28 carries and Jon Simmons added 76 yards and two td's on 12 carries, while Lucas Farris rushed for 43 yards on seven carries. Simmons and Green also hooked up on a touchdown pass.



Kinston Bulldog coaching staff keeps an eye on the action in last week's region battle against Georgiana. This week the Bulldogs will travel to Samson for a non-region contest.

Kinston Lady 'Dawgs serving a fun volleyball season

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs had mixed results during early part of September on the volleyball court with a couple of losses coming to bigger school opponents.

On Sept. 2nd, the Lady Dawgs took on the Lady Bulldogs from Andalusia. The varsity lost a four set match to Andalusia 23-25, 31-29, 23-25, 19-25.

Kinston was led by Maddie Williamson with 13 serves and one ace while Gracie Rhoades had 30 hits with six kills, and Lilli Sumblin had 69 passes.

The Junior High team for Kinston won their match in two sets 25-16 and 25-10 while the JV squad lost to Andalusia in two sets 19-25, 20-25. For the Junior High team Ella Kate Bowers has 18 serves and 6 aces. For the JV team, Maddie Phillips had 10 serves and three aces.

On Sept. 4th, the Kinston varsity team defeated

Goshen in three sets 25-14, 25-11, and 25-14. Gracie Rhoades had 11 hits, and 22 serves. Rylie Rhoades had 18 sets, and Lillie Sumblin had 18 passes.

Both the Junior High and Junior Varsity teams also won their matches over Goshen. For the Junior High team Lillie Kay Robbins had 12 sets, while Trinity Carnley accounted for four kills in the JV match.

On Sept. 8th the Andalusia varsity again defeated the Kinston Lady 'Dawgs. This time in three sets 16-25, 19-25, 22-25.

Maddie Williamson had 12 serves with five aces to lead Kinston. Maggie Martin accounted for 24 passes, Rylie Rhoades has 18 assists, and Brynne Kelley had five blocks.

The Junior High team defeated Andalusia in two sets while the JV team lost in two. Ella Greene had a big match for the Junior

High team with seven hits, three kills, eight serves and two aces. For the JV squad, River Riley accounted for 6 hits and two kills.

On Sept. 9th, the varsity Lady 'Dawgs lost a four set match to Opp 27-29, 19-25, 25-15, 16-25

Emma-Kate Marler led Kinston in this match with 12 serves and four aces along with 25 hits and eight kills. Gracie Rhoades accounted for 16 hits and six kills and 39 passes while Lilli Sumblin had 14 serves with four aces, 21 sets, and 48 passes; Rylie Rhoades had 23 sets and 25 passes; and Maggie Martin had 37 passes.

Both the Junior High and Junior Varsity teams claimed wins over Opp.

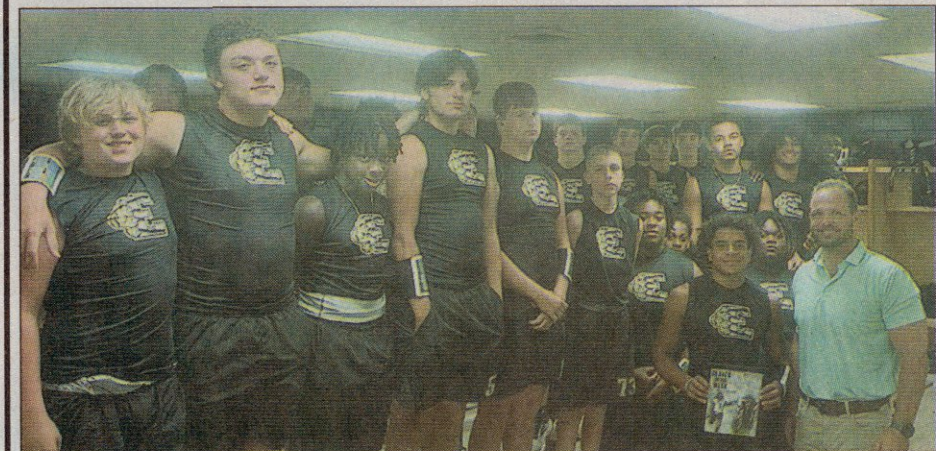
Leading the Junior High team was Ella Kate Bowers with 28 serves and 8 aces.

For the JV team, Kylee Jenkins has 18 passes, five hits and one kill.

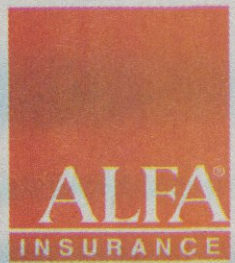


Elba Tiger golfer Jay Wilson (third from left) shows off his three state championship rings won as a member of the Elba Tiger golf team. Wilson has won back-to-back state individual titles and was also a member of the state championship golf team. Pictured above is (l-r) his brother John Martin Wilson, a two-time state champion with the Tiger golf team, and his parents Jill and Josh Wilson, of Elba. (Photo by, Colby Capps)

Elba Tigers Player of the Week



Reggie Gilbert was the ALFA Insurance Ralston Moore Agency Week Four 'Player of the Week' for the Elba Tigers!



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PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Sept. 25 (Volleyball) Pleasant Home at Elba (JV-V) 4:00 Emmanuel Ch. At Kinston (JV-V-V) 3:30	Goshen at Zion Chapel (JR-JV-V) 4:00 Highland Home at Brantley ((JR-JV-V) 3:30 (Football) Ariton at Elba (JV) 6:00 Kinston at Zion Chapel (JV)N6:00 Dale County at New Brockton (Middle) 5:00 Dale County at New Brockton (JV) 6:30 Highland Home at Brantley (JR) 6:00
Monday, Sept. 29 (Volleyball) Greenville at Elba (JV-V) 3:30 Geneva at Kinston (JR-JV-V) 3:30	Tuesday, Sept. 30 (Volleyball) Brantley at Elba (V) 4:00 Floral at Kinston (JR-JV-V) 3:30 Zion Chapel at Barbour County (JR-JV-V) 4:30 Goshen at New Brockton (V) 4:00

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba High School gearing up for Homecoming 2025

Elba City Schools will celebrate Homecoming 2025 on Friday, Oct. 3rd. This year's theme is: "There's No Place Like Elba" and the football opponent is Red Level.

Here are some events already scheduled for the week...

PARADE - Friday, Oct. 3rd @ 3:00 p.m.

Lineup for the parade will begin at 1:30 with the parade beginning promptly at 3 p.m. from the old high school location. Travel will be one way from the stadium toward Windham Lumber. No vehicle or entry should attempt to enter from Windham Lumber.

DO NOT THROW ANYTHING FROM THE PARADE INTO THE CROWD. THIS IS A SAFETY HAZARD AND DANGEROUS FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE

UNSUPERVISED.SOME PARADE ENTRIES MAY BE DRIVEN BY TEENAGERS WHO MAY NOT BE AS ALERT. Parade Entry Deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 24. Complete online form found on the Elba High School facebook page OR call the High School office.

OTHER HOMECOMING EVENTS!

Monday, Sept. 22 - Homecoming Dance Tickets go on sale.

Thursday, Oct. 2 - Homecoming Bonfire @ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 3 - 9 a.m. - Homecoming Coronation at Tiger Stadium

Saturday, Oct. 4, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Elba Country Club - the Elba High School Alumni Association will hold its annual membership meeting. A dutch treat breakfast buffet will be served that morning. You do not have to eat to attend the meeting. All Elba High School alumni and friends of Elba High School are encouraged to attend this meeting to hear about ways the association supports Elba City Schools. Only \$20 to be a member.

Coffee Extension Office to host Heirs Property Workshop

The Coffee County Extension Office will host an Heirs Property Workshop on Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 6-8 p.m.

At this workshop, participants will learn about commonly faced heirs property issues, hear from experts, engage in Q&A, and receive resources and tools. Call 334-894-5596 or text 334-752-1767 by Friday, Oct. 3, to reserve a spot in this workshop.

The office is located in New Brockton.



SUMBLIN CROWNED KINSTON HOMECOMING QUEEN...During the Kinston School homecoming football game Thursday, Sept. 18, senior Lilli Sumblin was crowned the 2025 Homecoming Queen. Above, Kinston School principal Megan Driggers is shown crowning Sumblin during the halftime festivities.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Ann Nichols (seated) was honored Tuesday, Sept. 23, with a lunch given by friends and family in recognition of her 94th birthday. The lunch was served at Ms. Linda's on the square in Elba and a delicious red velvet cake was also provided for Mrs. Nichols dessert of choice. There was much laughter and joy shared as they gathered for this unique event. Pictured with Mrs. Nichols (left to right): Janice Kelley, Carole Mashburn (Mrs. Nichols daughter) and Linda Weeks.



Raegan Bragg honored at recent Accountancy Day Award Ceremony at Troy University...Raegan Bragg of Elba was among the students recognized for outstanding achievements in academics during the Accountancy Day Award Ceremony at Troy University. Bragg received the Bettie Hopper Perpetual Memorial Award and the Jordan McBride Endowed Scholarship. She is a graduate of Zion Chapel High School. Accountancy Day was held on Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Troy Campus.

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TIME to VOTE!

Voting packets for the 2025 Annual Meeting will be arriving in South Alabama Electric Cooperative members' mailboxes at the end of this month. **Once your voting packet arrives, cast your ballot in a few simple steps:**

STEP 1

1. SELECT

Review the candidate information inside the packet. Mark one choice for each district. Make sure to include your phone number[s] and email address.

STEP 2

2. PLACE

Place the completed ballot in the enclosed return envelope.

STEP 3

3. MAIL

Ballots must be received by noon on Monday, Oct. 27, 2025. **Mail** the ballot back at least seven business days before the deadline.

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